DEATH OF TRIBAL CHILDREN

3496. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether tribal deaths due to malnutrition have occurred in Madhya Pradesh and other various tribal areas in the country;

(b) whether in the case of other tribal areas depriving of traditional livelihood and strict forest regulations have resulted in such deaths; and

(c) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out so that tribal children do not die of malnutrition ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Governments|UTs.

SUBMISSION OF REPORT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. GOPAL SINGH

3497. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had constituted a panel on minorities under the Chairmanship of late Dr. Gopal Singh;

(b) if so, whether the said panel had submitted its Report|Recommendations;

(c) whether the report had been accepted by Government and placed in the Parliament; and

(d) what is the status of the report submitted by Dr. Gopal Singh ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The report submitted by panel under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gopal Singh on Minorities on 14-6-1983 has been tabled in Rajya Sabha on 24-8-1990 and the Lok Sabha on 27-8-1990 alongwith the Statement showing the comments of the Government on the recommendations in the Report.

ALLOCATION OF FUND TO MINORITIES TO MAULANA AZAD EDUCATION FUND

3498. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allocated Rupees Five Crore for the Educational upliftment of minorities of 'Maulana Azad Educational Fund';

(b) if so, whether modalities for release of grant have been finalized;

(c) if so, what are the details' thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The Central Govrnment have allocated Rs. Five crore to Maulana Azad Education Foundation, one of whose objectives is to promote education amongst educationally backward sections of society.

(b) to (d) The Government has advised the Maulana Azad Education Foundation to amend its Memorandum of Association to enable it to utilise the amount.

TRIBAL POPULATION IN RAJASTHAN

3499. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total tribal population in Rajasthan with percentage of the State's population and names of places of major concentration;